

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: Confirmation No.: 2929

COMPOUNDS

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action of March 21, 2007, **Applicants elect without traverse Group XXXIII, claims 1, 8-11, 15-23, 24-26.** Applicants also elect **erythromycin** as species, for search purpose.

The Office has noted that claims 1 and 15-23 link the inventions I-XXIV. Because the restriction requirement of the linked inventions is subject to the nonallowance of the linking claims, claims 1 and 15-23, upon indication of allowability of a linking claim, the Office is obligated to withdraw its restriction requirement and any claims depending therefrom rejoined and fully considered on the merits for patentability.

Applicant requests clarification that the first restriction requirement of March 21, 2007 has been withdrawn by the Office.